

**Abstract**—The purpose of this study was to determine if there were differences in the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders among different types of workers. The study included 600 male employees from a large manufacturing company who had been employed for at least one year. They were divided into three groups based on their job type: manual laborers, machine operators, and office workers. Data were collected through self-administered questionnaires and interviews. Results showed that manual laborers had the highest prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders, followed by machine operators, and then office workers. This suggests that physical demands of work are a significant factor in the development of musculoskeletal disorders.

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